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SUBJ: SYRIA EVALUATES UNSC SESSION; CONTEMPLATES NEXT STEPS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS JOUAYJATI TOLD BRITISH AMBASSADOR JAN 29 THAT SARG HAS ORGANIZED "STUDY GROUP" IN PRESIDENCY TO EVALUATE RESULTS OF UNSC SESSION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NEXT STEPS IN SYRIAN ME DIPLOMACY. MEMBERS INCLUDE PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL ADVISER DAOUDI, DEPFONMIN RAFA'I, JOUAYJATI AND SEVERAL OTHERS. JOUAYJATI PREDICTED ALL NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT.

2. REVIEWING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO SYRIA, JOUAYJATI MENTIONED ONLY TWO: (A) ANOTHER UNSC SESSION; AND (B) ACTION THROUGH UNGA.HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED "UNITING THROUGH PEACE RESOLUTION." (COMMENT: BEING UNFAMILIAR WITH UN PROCEDURES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON HOW SARG MIGHT

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APPLY THIS PROCEDURE.)

3. COMMENTING TO EMBOFF WHO ALSO SAW HIM JAN 29, JOUAYJATI SAID FLATLY THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO ANY SORT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, PREPARATORY OR OTHER, UNLESS PLO ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND. SYRIA HAD GONE LONG WAY DURING UNSC RESOLUTION NEGOTIATIONS, BRINGING PALESTINIANS ALONG, AND COULD GO NO FURTHER. PALESTINIANS ALREADY ANGRY THAT SYRIA HAD ACCEPTED PROVISION IN RESOLUTION GUARANTEEING SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES TO ALL STATES IN AREA. MOREOVER, PALESTINIANS WERE BUILDING UP CREDIT IN SYRIA WITH THEIR RESTRAINT IN LEBANON. JOUAYJATI TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT STEPS SYRIA MIGHT TAKE NEXT. "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ON MAY 30?", HE ASKED.

4. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SPECULATED THAT WHEN MANDATE RENEWAL COMES UP NEXT MAY SYRIA WILL TRY TO INCLUDE SAME POINTS CONTAINED IN LATEST UNSC RESOLUTION IN RENEWAL RESOLUTION. HE ALSO SAID SYRIA BEING VERY CRITICAL OF HMG'S PERFORMANCE DURING DEBATE, PARTICULARLY ITS INTRODUCTION OF LAST-MINUTE AMENDMENT WHICH SYRIANS BELIEVE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ABSTENTIONS OF SWEDEN AND ITALY. JOUAYJATI HAD WARNED HIM THAT UK SHOULD EXPECT CONSIDERABLE COOLNESS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH SYRIA IN COMING MONTHS. (JOUAYJATI TOLD EMBOFF THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S STOUT DEFENSE IN DAMASCUS OF UK'S ADHERENCE TO UNSC RES 242 HAD PARTICULARLY STUCK IN SYRIAN CRAW.)

5. COMMENT: SPEED WITH WHICH SARG HAS SET UP THIS "STUDY GROUP" IS SURPRISING. IT INDICATES LEADERSHIP NOT SUBSCRIBING TO OWN PUBLIC POSITION THAT SYRIA ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL VICTORY AT NY DESPITE OUR VETO AND THAT IT INTENDS PURSUE AN ACTIVE DIPLOMACY IN COMING MONTHS.
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